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Mission Statement:

To foster a safe family environment, a sense of community, and neighborhood pride

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Fiesta de los Barrios: A Celebration of Neighborhood Successes

Saturday, May 7, 2005

6 - 9 pm

Catalina High School

The annual PRO Neighborhoods Fiesta de los Barrios is not only an opportunity to celebrate the successes of Dodge/Flower and surrounding neighborhoods, but also a chance to enjoy an evening of entertainment, awards, speakers, friendship and foods from many cultures. The successes Dodge/Flower celebrate include:

- Completion of the Back to Basics street lighting and traffic mitigation project in 2004
- Working with Ward III and the Tucson Police to rid our neighborhood of the crime-infested Greypointe Apts.
 - Crime Prevention Fair at Doolen Middle School in September 2004
 - Neighborhood Cleanups and Picnics
 - Annual Summer Potluck Pool Party Social
 - Ongoing collaboration with neighboring Associations to address mutual concerns
 - Winner of the 2003 SAHBA Neighborhood Award

At the Fiesta you'll get the chance to meet your neighbors and find that they are people just like you who want to live in a safe and friendly neighborhood. We also hope you'll become inspired to volunteer your time and talents toward helping to make our neighborhood better with each passing year. Volunteers are needed to organize and monitor the Dodge/Flower information table. Please come to our April 26th meeting for more details.

Activities for Seniors

The Lighthouse YMCA at 2900 N. Columbus Blvd has a senior group called The Lamplighters. They have a pot-luck lunch (usually the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:30) or a field trip on alternative months. YMCA membership is not required for these activities. Reservations are not necessary, but it helps if you call the Y to let them know you're coming. For more details please call 795-9725 and tell them Pat Hamilton sent you.

Saturday, April 23, Fiesta de Garibaldi fieldtrip, 1:00-4:00 pm, \$2 donation Saturday, May 14, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Summerhaven on Mt. Lemmon picnic, \$2 donation Thursday, May 19, 11:30 am Potluck

2005-2006 PCOA MAJOR & MINOR HOME REPAIR APPLICATION

Pima Council on Aging is accepting applications for two home repair programs depending upon the availability of future federal funds. Eligible homeowner or spouse must be age 60 or older by June 30, 2005

1) 2005-2006 Home Repair/ Adaptation/Renovation Program, funded by the Federal Older Americans Act through the Pima Council on Aging (local match provided by the City of Tucson with General Funds.

2) 2005-2006 CDBG Elderly Home Repair Program funded by Federal Community

These programs provide critically needed repairs and disability modifications to correct health and safety hazards for older homeowners. Repairs worth up to \$4,000 are made for selected, qualified homeowners. If repair costs are estimated to be more than \$4,000, the home-owner may choose to pay the difference or scale back the proposed work. All donations are cheerfully accepted.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Taxpayer/homeowner or spouse must be age 60 or older by June 30, 2005.

HOW TO APPLY? Applications in English and Spanish are available from the Pima Council on Aging by mail or at the

address below. Applications must be completed and returned IN PERSON OR BY U.S. MAIL to the Pima Council on Aging BY THE DEADLINE DATE OF APRIL 30, 2005. No e-mail or fax applications are accepted. No late applications are accepted.

PIMA COUNCIL ON AGING 8467 EAST BROADWAY TUCSON, ARIZONA 85710 Phone (520) 790-7262 E-mail: dedwards@pcoa.org rduffy1@ci.tucson.az.us

Tips on property maintenance

Neighborhoods with weeds, junk cars, graffiti, trash containers on the curb, etc. send a message to "ne're-do-wells" that they're in an area that's "fair game" because the neighbors apparently don't care about what's going on. To avoid sending that message about our neighborhood, please note the following (if you rent your home, please share this with your landlord):

JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES: Inoperable vehicles without current registration on your property must be in a carport & covered with a cover made specifically for the vehicle or placed behind at least a 5' high opaque wall or fence.

ALLEYS & EASEMENTS: Where to clean, ½ the width of the alley or easement from your property line to the center of the alley or easement.

<u>VEGETATION</u>: Remove grass (6" in height); weeds (10" in height); dead trees, shrubs, litter dropped by trees/shrubs from yards, walkways and sidewalks

<u>CURBS</u>: The area from the curb to your property line and in the alley directly behind your house must be free of grass, weeds, vehicles, trailers

SIGNS: Remove 'FOR SALE,' 'FOR RENT,' YARD SALE & AD SIGNS from sidewalk areas, medians, utility poles/boxes or street signs

GRAFFITI: Call GRAFFITI ABATEMENT for assistance: 624-7833

SHOPPING CARTS: For removal -791-3171

More Information: WARD III OFFICE: 791-4711

The Ward office wants to hear from you if your landlord does not properly maintain the property you are renting.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

TO CALL OR NOT TO CALL . . .

Are you too shy or just too busy to call 911? Perhaps you think someone else will make the call, or it is just not important enough. We all have our excuses for NOT calling 911.

Did you know that NOT calling 911 when something is wrong is a normal reaction of many citizens? However, Tucson Police have made it clear that any suspicious activity MUST be reported through 911. Examples:

- Strangers in the alley
- Suspicious car with occupants 'hanging out'
- Suspicious Truck/U-Haul backed up to your neighbors' home
- Suspicious door-to-door salespersons
- Persons knocking on your door asking for money for prescriptions/gas/food
- Suspected drug or gang activity or prostitution.
- Shots fired

By NOT calling 911, you are telling the police indirectly that 'all is well' in the neighborhood. 911 call statistics are used to determine where the limited resources of the police should best be allocated. NOT calling 911 could result in police presence — something you pay for with your tax dollars — being directed to *other* areas.

Don't be shy. Call 911 if there is a question in your mind about a situation. 'Better safe than sorry' should be the motto for the DODGE/FLOWER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION to keep our neighborhood protected.

MAY 24 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All members in good standing are eligible for nomination to the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. A member in good standing is any neighbor or business owner whose residence or place of business is located within the boundaries of the Association, and who is current with their dues and/or has attended four or more meetings within the past year.



The 3rd Annual PRO Neighborhoods

FIESTA DE LOS BARRIOS

"A Celebration of Neighborhood Successes"

Saturday, May 7, 2005, 6-9 p.m.

Catalina Magnet High School - Football Field 3645 E. Pima Street, Tucson

Delicious Food • Exciting Entertainment Kids' Activities

Call 520.882.5885 for more information

DODGE/FLOWER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 57004, Tucson, AZ 85732-5004 (www.neighborhoodlink.com/tucson/dodgeflower)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, April 26: Regular Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00, at SAMHC meeting room (all are welcome)

Saturday, May 7 - Fiesta de los Barrios, 6 pm - 9 pm at Catalina High School

Tuesday, May 24 - Annual Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00, to include election of officers, at SAMHC meeting room

Newsletters are written quarterly (usually). We want to hear from you! What are your thoughts or concerns about the neighborhood? Any letters or articles you'd like to contribute are welcome and appreciated. Please mail your contribution to our P.O. Box, or e-mail it to:

DodgeFlowerNA@cs.com.



We need your input on future agenda items.

If there are any particular neighborhood topics you would like presented or discussed at future meetings, please let us know.

Call (237-2140) or email

(DodgeFlowerNA@cs.com) with your

suggestions.

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